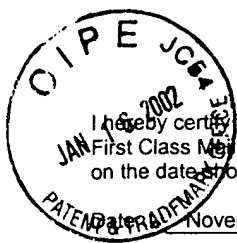


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Prior to examination, applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments.

In the specification:

On page 8, please replace the paragraph starting on line 10 with the following clean copy of the paragraph:

--Figure 5. Total ion current chromatogram of peptides 1, 2, and 3 from Figure 3. (1) Mass 980.6 (1+), left trace; mass 991.5 (1+), right trace, corresponding to tryptic peptide SSLENTTTK (SEQ ID NO:1) of BPN' and containing 11 nitrogen atoms. (2) Mass 765.6(2+), left trace; mass 775.6 (2+), right trace corresponding to tryptic peptide APALHSQGYTGSNVK (SEQ ID NO:2) of BPN' and containing 20 nitrogen atoms. 'x' is an unrelated peptide. (3) Mass 627.0 (2+), left trace; mass 636.4(2+), right trace corresponding to tryptic peptide HPNWTNTQVR (SEQ ID NO:3) of BPN' and containing 19 nitrogen atoms.--

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